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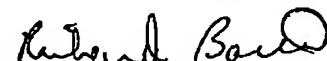
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Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2006, a
reply to which is due on December 6, 2006, please amend the
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Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.